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WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VERSUS

RYAN KEITH TAYLOR

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CRIMINAL NO. 2:17CR00324-d
18 U.S.C. § 229(a)(1)
18 U.S.C. § 229A(a)(1)

JUDGE UDJ
MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

Use of a Chemical Weapon
[18 U.S.C. §§ 229(a)(1) and 229A(a)(1)]

AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL TO THIS INDICTMENT:

1. The defendant, RYAN KEITH TAYLOR, was a soldier in the United States Army stationed at Fort Polk Army installation within the Western District of Louisiana.
2. The Kisatchie National Forest was a national forest in the Western District of Louisiana in the United States, owned by the United States and administered by the United States Forest Service.
3. The United States Forest Service provided certain areas of the Kisatchie National Forest to the United States Army for its official use.
4. Chlorine gas is a well-documented hazardous substance. Inhalation of chlorine gas can lead to death, lung damage, and other serious bodily injuries.

THE OFFENSE

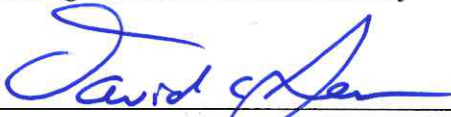
On or about April 12, 2017, in the Kisatchie National Forest, located in the Western District of Louisiana within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, the defendant, RYAN KEITH TAYLOR, did and did attempt to knowingly develop, produce, possess, and use a chemical weapon, that is, chlorine gas, which is a toxic chemical not intended or used by the defendant for a peaceful or otherwise lawful purpose as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 229F(7)(A) through (D), all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 229(a)(1) and 229A(a)(1). [18 U.S.C. §§ 229(a)(1) and 229A(a)(1)].

A TRUE BILL:

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FOREPERSON: FEDERAL GRAND JURY

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